

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Gathered in And Around Town By Our Resident And County Reporters.

Mr. A. P. Gillespie is at Lebanon, attending Russell circuit court.

A fresh lot of Lowmyer's candy just received at Jackson's drug store.

Messrs. R. T. Bowen and Wm. McColgan, of Norton, spent Sunday in Tazewell.

Mr. U. K. Williams, a prominent merchant from Honaker, Russell County, was in town on Monday.

Mr. J. W. Chapman was very much indisposed yesterday, so much so that he was unable to be at his office.

Mr. Jas. H. Gillespie, of Cedar Bluff, called at our office on Monday, and left a substantial token of his visit.

Next session of Tazewell College opens Sept. 7th. If paid then \$89.00 will put you through the entire year.

Capt. James S. Peery and his daughter, Miss Rachel, have gone to the Pulaski Alum Springs for their health.

Mrs. R. P. Holland and Mrs. Geo. B. Cromer, of Newberry, S. C., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Wm. C. Pendleton.

Miss Mary Walker, who resides near Saltville, in Smyth county, is visiting at Mr. A. J. Larmer's, in Thompson Valley.

Messrs. J. D. Alexander and John H. Lewis have gone to Hunter's Alum Springs, in Pulaski county, to spend a couple of weeks.

Pay \$89.00 on Sept. 7th and enter Tazewell College for the entire session. No matriculation or other annoying fees are charged.

Harrison & Gillespie Bros. present a handsome new advertisement to our readers. The good-bye they want to speak is not a sad one.

The directors of the Tazewell Agricultural and Breeders' Association failed to meet on Tuesday. There will be a meeting next Monday.

Some of the young people got up a picnic party and went to Unaka yesterday afternoon. There have been a number of them this summer.

We are informed that Mr. D. H. Peery, of Ogden, Utah, will leave his home about the 11th inst. to pay a visit to his old friends in Tazewell.

On Monday Mr. H. W. O'Keefe sold to W. N. Surface a tract of coal land on Laurel Creek, containing 64 acres, for the price of \$1,600, cash.

The name of the newly elected principal of Tazewell High School is G. L. Byrom and not Bynon as the types had in it the REPUBLICAN last week.

The members of Strass-Memorial Church are making efforts to build a rectory. Some very liberal subscriptions are being made to a fund for that purpose.

A boy or girl will be given Board Room rent, Fuel, Light and Tuition in Tazewell College next session for \$89.00 if paid on entrance—Sept 7th, 1897.

Mrs. Ash M. Prince, of Bluefield, Miss Bessie Gray, of Russell county, and Rev. W. W. Pyott, wife and son are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jno. G. Watts.

We publish in another column a call from W. G. Young, county chairman, for a meeting of the Republicans of Tazewell at August court. Let there be a full turn out.

Rev. Mr. Savage, who was formerly rector of Stras-Memorial church, accompanied by his mother, is in town. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. W. Walton.

We are having some of the hottest weather of the Summer this week. Our farmer friends are willing to endure the heat if they can have clear weather to save their hay.

District conference for the Tazewell district of the M. E. church South begins to-day at the Cove church and will be largely attended. A number of our town people will go there on Sunday.

Bowen Watts took four lambs to the station last Saturday and delivered them to Mr. Jno. W. Crockett for shipment. The lambs averaged 160 lbs. and were as fine as we have ever seen.

We are informed that Mr. T. E. George while raking hay with a horse rake on Tuesday, was thrown from the rake by it turning over, and had his foot hurt. Moral: Clerks have no business working in hay-fields.

Education is no longer a luxury to be enjoyed only by the rich, but a necessity, and in reach of all, the price at Tazewell College has been reduced to \$89. for the entire session, if paid in advance.

The Bristol and Knoxville papers are boasting powerfully about the pretty girls that are to be seen in their respective cities. If they would only come to Tazewell they would see and learn something about pretty girls.

Mr. John Irick, of the Holston Methodist, was in town the first of the week, and reports that excellent religious journal in a prosperous condition. He says that everywhere he goes he sees marked evidence of returning prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. S. Gillespie and Miss Nanola got back from Philadelphia on Saturday. We are glad to hear that Miss Nanola is doing well, and her Philadelphia physician expresses the opinion that she will be completely restored to health.

One of our kind subscribers writing to us a few days ago said: "It's a poor man that will not pay for his own county paper." There is much truth in this. We hope many of our subscribers will think as he does and come forward and settle their accounts.

Mr. E. H. Witten, who has been practicing attorney at Grundy, Va., has concluded to return to Tazewell county, the place where he was raised, and will practice his profession in our town. We welcome him here, and predict that he will meet with success.

Rev. T. C. Bittle, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. C. Pendleton, for several weeks, left yesterday afternoon for

his home at College Station, Texas. He enjoyed his visit to Tazewell very much and regretted that business called him home earlier than he expected. His visit was a source of great pleasure to his relatives.

Gen. J. A. Walker arrived at Tazewell yesterday afternoon, and was the guest of Col. Joseph Harrison last night.

Dr. James O'Keefe, accompanied by Mrs. O'Keefe, went to Pearisburg on Tuesday, where they lived prior to their coming to Tazewell. The doctor was to institute a chapter of Royal Arch Masons at that place on Tuesday night, acting for Grand High Priest J. P. Steffler, who could not attend on account of the death of his father. There were 25 applicants for membership in the new chapter.

On Monday morning at about 2 o'clock little Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Gillespie, died at their home, near Pounding Mill. The remains were brought to this place on the 4:30 train Monday afternoon and buried in the east end cemetery. A number of friends and relatives met the remains at the station and followed them to the grave. The child was about twenty three months old and very bright and pretty we are told.

NORTH TAZEWELL NEWS.

Locals are scarce.

Several of the boys are figuring on the Klyondyke, that is as far as they will get.

W. A. Whitley is spending all of his spare time with the rod and minnow bucket.

Sam Young came near losing his day horse in the mill pond Tuesday.

Rev. W. M. Dyer, former pastor at Tazewell, preached an excellent sermon in the Methodist Church on Sunday night.

The business revival has struck M. L. Peery & Co, they ship this week several thousand pounds of yarns to Northern manufacturers.

If some of our Democratic brothers don't look out the wave of prosperity is going to hit them in spite of all they can do.

We have heard it intimated that the Clinch Valley Breeders Association will give an exhibition on their grounds about the last of September. Is it true? We hope so.

Our sick folks are all doing well at present, and it is to be hoped they will all be entirely recovered in a short while and our town rid of the dread fever.

Some of our farmers have actually been unable to get hands sufficient to put up their new hoes. What is the matter? Are there no hands to be found, or don't they want work when you do find them.

Miss Jennie Hambrick, a lovely young lady from Russell County, has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. John D. Peery of this place for some days.

Henry Cartley one of Blacksburgs rarest specimens, took unto himself a rib on last Wednesday, and is now on his bridal tour to Shakerag and other Southern points.

Every farmer in this county not supplied with one of Lewis Gregory's cultivator, is in a bad fix, and a way behind the times. Call on W. H. Kiser and see samples.

H. G. Peery returned this week from his fishing trip to Wolf Creek, and reports, a good time but very poor fishing on account of the high and muddy water.

H. G. Garrison, our genial town Sergeant, dispenses the Cincinnati Post to a number of our people every day, and is as spry as the youngest news boy in the state.

Miss May Hall returned this week from an extended visit to her sister Mrs. Robt. Shelton, of Bluefield, her many friends were glad to see her again.

Miss Gee Buchanan, of Pisgah, is visiting her cousin, Miss Florence Whitley, on Bridge Street.

Capt. Fudge's meadows were so heavy he hardly had room on them to stack the hay. Prosperity strikes different people in different ways but it gets there under a Republican administration.

It does look a little rough for the school teachers in the east end of the county to be compelled to travel to the extreme west-end to be examined.

ASH FIELDS  
North Tazewell, Aug. 4, 1897.

The Sick.

Mr. Jeff Ward's infant daughter is quite sick, but Mrs. Ward is doing well.

Mrs. Jno. Fox, of Thompson Valley, who has been very ill with the fever, is now much better, and her friends are confident of her recovery.

Burford Tynes, who has been sick for about two weeks, is doing very well.

Mr. John Thompson is now convalescent, but his oldest son is very sick.

Mr. Jno. Ball is getting along well, and his case is not considered dangerous.

Mrs. J. T. Hopkins, of Thompson Valley, is improving rapidly.

Off For California.

Col. A. J. May and Mrs. May will start to-day for California. They will first go to the northern part of the state and stay at Reading and Shasta City. Later they will go to Southern California and visit San Diego and other points. They will be absent two months or more, and we trust the trip will be full of pleasure and benefit to them. Mr. Ed Spotts, who started to Chicago on Monday, will join Col. May at that city and go with him to the Pacific coast.

Attention Republicans.

The Republicans of Tazewell County are requested and urged to meet at the Court House on Tuesday, the 17th of August, 1897, (court day) at 1 p. m. for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the House of Delegates, also to elect delegates to a Senatorial Convention, if one should be held, and delegates to a state convention if one should be called. This meeting will also elect a county chairman and county committee.

W. G. Young  
County Chairman.

Death of Miss Nannie Higginbotham.

On Saturday afternoon a shadow of sadness fell upon our community when it was announced that Miss Nannie A. Higginbotham had departed this life. For about one month she had been lingering with what ultimately proved to be fatal illness, and at 3:05 p.m. surrounded by relatives and friends, who had tenderly and lovingly administered to her wants, she passed quietly to a brighter and happier land. From the testimony of those who were her intimate associates during her childhood and early womanhood her life has been recorded as that of a bright, pure girl and sweet Christian. Her death was a sad one, but full of comfort to those who were related to her by the close ties of blood and the warm associations of friendship and love.

Miss Higginbotham was born the 17th of January, 1875, and was the daughter of Rees B. Higginbotham, deceased. She has five living sisters: Mrs. W. S. DeVault, Mrs. J. W. Chapman, Mrs. I. C. Dodd, Mrs. J. H. Brown and Miss Mary Higginbotham. The four last mentioned were with her during her last hours.

It had been announced that funeral services would be held in the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. At that hour the church was filled to overflowing with persons of all ages, who had come to join in paying the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

The church altar had been draped in mourning by the tender hands of lady friends.

As the casket was born into the church it was preceded by Misses Joie Brittain, Alice Alexander, Jesse O'Keefe and Lula Steele, dressed in white and bearing floral offerings. These young ladies were intimate friends of the deceased. As they entered the church the choir sang: "Go Bury Thy Sorrow." The funeral services were conducted by Rev. I. P. Martin and were continued and concluded in the following order: A vocal solo and chorus, "Death is Only a Dream." Prayer, by Rev. I. P. Martin. Hymn, "Asleep in Jesus." Scriptural selections and funeral remarks. Prayer, by Rev. W. W. Ruff. Vocal duette, "Some Sweet Day, By and By."

The passages of scripture were read from the bible of Miss Nannie and had been marked by her as favorite passages. They showed how deeply she was impressed with the truth of the word of God and how thoroughly her heart had been given to her Savior.

At the conclusion of the services at the church the remains were taken to the East End cemetery and interred. The following gentlemen were the active pall bearers: Messrs. W. H. Alderson, Geo. W. Dodd, Barnes Gillespie, W. J. Gillespie, J. S. Bottimore and A. S. Higginbotham. The following gentlemen acted as honorary pall bearers: Messrs. Frank Pyott, A. J. Higginbotham, C. W. Jones, Will Pierce, M. J. Hankins and J. T. Smith.

The procession that followed the remains to the grave was the largest we have seen since our residence in Tazewell.

Miss Higginbotham Dead.

Many persons in Bristol will regret to learn that Miss Nannie Higginbotham died at her home in Tazewell, Va., at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Miss Higginbotham taught in the Virginia public school here last year and was engaged for the same duties this year.

While here she made many friends, and her sweet amiable disposition made her much beloved by her acquaintances.—Bristol News.

Thomas W. Ratliff Gone To Rest.

On Friday afternoon at about 3 o'clock Thomas W. Ratliff died at his home on Tazewell Avenue. He had been sick for a long time with that dread disease consumption, and his death for some days had been looked for at any moment. The deceased was born near Grundy, in Buchanan County, Va., on January 19th, 1854, and he was, therefore, 43 years 6 months and 11 days old at the time of his death.

He was married in 1877 to Miss Jennie F. Kendrick, by whom he had seven children, five of whom, all sons, are still living. In the Spring of 1896 Mr. Ratliff united with the M. E. Church South at Grundy, Va., and since that time has led a consistent Christian life. He lived at Grundy until he came with his family to Tazewell last October. From those who knew him well in all the relations of life we learn that he was a man of untiring energy, and by his superior business tact had accumulated a property estimated at fifty thousand dollars. He was recognized by all those with whom he had business transactions as a man of perfect integrity, and he was liberal and charitable to all. No one was more popular or beloved by those who knew him. His word was as good as his bond. He was a man of strong, decisive character. When we consider his educational advantages and other opportunities his character as a man and his financial success are wonderful.

On Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock funeral services were held at the residence of the deceased, conducted by Rev. I. P. Martin, assisted by Rev. Painter who had received Mr. Ratliff into the church. The services were attended by a throng of relatives and friends, a number being present from Cedar Bluff, Doran and Buchanan County.

At the conclusion of the services at the house, the remains were placed in charge of the Masonic fraternity, of which deceased was a respected and faithful brother, he being a member of Cedar Bluff Lodge No. 209. Members of that Lodge and of Tazewell Lodge No. 62, united to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed brother. A large number of friends and relatives joined in the procession to the East End cemetery, where all that was mortal of Thomas W. Ratliff was placed in the grave with full masonic honors. The following acted as pall bearers: From Cedar Bluff Lodge, J. B. Hurt and John I. Crockett. From Tazewell Lodge, E. A. Crockett, M. C. McCorkle, O. G. Empeh-willer and W. G. McCall.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved widow and her sons in their sad affliction.

Economy and strength are combined in Hood's Sarsaparilla. Every bottle contains 100 doses and will average to last a month.

Card of Thanks.

In behalf of myself and children I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends of this community, who, during the trying hours of our recent affliction, so often gave evidence of their sympathy and offered to assist us in any way they could. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude, and we pray God's blessings on you all.

We desire especially to thank Dr. R. B. Gillespie for his constant and faithful attention to our dear departed one.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. T. W. RATLIFF.

Base Ball.

We are informed that the Marion base ball team will certainly be here this afternoon, and that two games will be played tomorrow between them and the Tazewell boys. The playing will take place in the meadow of Capt. Fudge, near the new cemetery.

Communicated.

Editor REPUBLICAN:  
We notice in the REPUBLICAN the names of several gentlemen spoken of as candidates for the legislature. While several persons mentioned might do good work, we propose the name of a man who we believe is better suited for the place than any we have noticed. We want a man who is not only a staunch Republican, but one who has stood with the party for years gone by, and who has lived in Tazewell county all his life, and therefore knows just what kind of legislation the people need.

The name we take pleasure in offering is that of T. A. Gillespie, of Cedar Bluff, a man whose character, responsibility and capacity cannot be questioned by the oldest voters in Tazewell county.

We think that with a few such men as Mr. Gillespie in our legislative halls, our citizens would enjoy the benefits of the best laws to be obtained by just legislation.

Respectfully,  
REPUBLICAN VOTERS.

Serious Rumor.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 2.—A report is current here to the effect that the steamer Portland has sunk with all hands. She sailed for the Klondike last week with every inch of room taken by gold seekers. This story comes from Vancouver, which is a port of entry.

C. H. Hamilton, manager of the company owning the vessel, says the report is probably without foundation. He further says that it sounds like a malicious rumor put in circulation by envious British Columbians.

The Democrats of Washington county have two organizations, one called the "watermelons" and the other "kickers." They are very hostile to each other, and each will have candidates for the State Senate and House of Delegates.

BUCHANAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN'S.

Elect a new chairman and pass resolutions.

At a meeting of the Republican committee for the county of Buchanan, State of Virginia, on July 27th, 1897, the following business was transacted:

Mr. E. H. Witten having resigned as county chairman his resignation was accepted by the committee.

Upon motion Dr. J. W. Waldron was appointed county chairman to fill out the unexpired term made vacant by Mr. Witten's resignation.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. John M. Ratliff and adopted by the committee.

Whereas Mr. E. H. Witten has decided to leave our county and has tendered his resignation as county chairman to this committee: therefore be it resolved,

1st. That from the first we have hailed him as a young disciple Republicanism who had surpassed his elders as an organizer and leader. We have followed his career with admiring interest and recorded his triumph with ever increasing sympathy and appreciation, as he gathered the broken fragments of our party together and bound them into promethian links that not only baffled and defeated a rotten and unjust election law, but gave to the cause of justice and Republicanism the handsome majority of one hundred and ninety one. Therefore we deeply regret the loss of such a staunch Republican and leader from our county, and feel that it will be long before Buchanan County will find one to take the place made conspicuously vacant by his absence.

2nd. That the Tazewell REPUBLICAN and Messenger be requested to publish these proceedings.

Committee { JOHN M. RATLIFF.  
J. J. JACKSON.  
W. W. BALDWIN.

SHAWVER'S MILL ITEMS.

The farmers are very busy at this time harvesting their hay and oats, which are unusually good this year.

Our new postmaster, Mr. L. I. Shawver, has moved the office to his store, which is a great convenience to the people.

Our Sunday school, which is one of the best in the county, has been very successful this year under the judicious management of D. A. Lefell, superintendent, and Miss Bessie Lefell, secretary.

Rev. J. S. Taylor, of Mechanicsburg, Va., has just closed a protracted meeting here. He has been very successful with his work at this place, and the church has given him a unanimous call to serve them another year.

Willie Lefell, of Bluefield, W. Va., was over last week to see the home folks and visit his many relatives and friends. There must be plenty to eat in Bluefield from his general appearance.

Mr. L. S. Witten, of Witten's Mill, was

Good-bye!

This word in its proper meaning none of us like to use. It makes a thrill of sadness cover our whole being and often is our last parting word with those whom we love. The sense in which we use the term this week is in a business way. We are preparing to say good-bye to all of our **SUMMER GOODS** of every kind: Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes—All.

Summer of 1897

Has been a prosperous one to us, and in bidding it good-bye, think it befitting our business &c, that we have a

Royal Closing Out Sale

Of all Summer Fabrics at prices that will benefit us in making room for our Fall Stock, and you in securing some seasonable goods at prices you will appreciate. This sale will include the

1st 2d and 3d Weeks in August.

In this space next week we will enumerate, describe and mention price of articles. Don't forget the date—1st, 2d and 3d weeks in August.

Harrison & Gillespie Bros.

P. S.—Our Trunk Exhibit will continue until this sale is over. You will want to see them. They are beauties, nicely finished and don't cost a fortune to own one.

ICE!

We Are Now Selling

MITCHELL'S TRANSPARENT ICE

A special price will be made to our patrons who have a standing order for 20 lbs each day. There will be an extra charge for ice sent out after 7 o'clock a. m., as the loss from melting increases much more during the heat of the day. We do not sell less than 5 cents worth; and just there we wish to call your attention to the fact that we are better prepared to keep

Perishable Goods:

Meats, Fruits, Etc., but more especially Lemons and Cheese. In warm weather Lemons get dry and hard unless kept cool, and Cheese soon gets strong. All housekeepers know this. Buy from us and you will always get

NICE, FRESH GOODS.

Truly yours,

BUSTON & SONS,

down this week and bought a nice lot of cattle from Mr. Ballard Lefell.

Mrs. Myrtle Belchee, of Knob, Va., was visiting her mother, Mrs. Geo. Shawver Sunday.

Little Miss Sallie Myrtle Peery, daughter of Capt. Thos. Peery, of Graham, Va., is spending the Summer with her grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Shawver.

Miss Annie Wingo, of Springfield, and Miss Willie Wingo, of Tazewell, were visiting Miss Pearl Lefell Friday and Saturday.

Rev. J. N. Harman, of Tazewell, will preach for us in the Christian church next Sunday night.

A SUBSCRIBER.

CROCKETT'S COVE CACKLINGS.

Cloudy every day.

Rain favorable. The Farmers have some oats down and are afraid to cut down more.

Corn crops are looking fine and the weeds are too.

D. H. Payne, the hustling constable of our district, is in our midst this week. Look out debtors.

Squire Crockett has returned from Clear Fork on a fishing trip into Bland Co. He reports that he caught 30 of the speckled beauties (trout), and the terrible rain that fell, and such a wetting he never got before.

"Joe" says any one suffering pain can be relieved by calling and purchasing a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. We sent away to Iowa for it.

Mr. Houston Crockett has purchased for himself a buggy. Houston will go somewhere now flying and looking back.

We see some men's anti bellum "breaches" yet being worn in the neighborhood. These pantaloons are not dark but colored—a right smart browney, Made with all the juttaps and pockets just as gay. They are not the style now, But built and worn that way.

Mr. Issac Effer and Mr. Alex. Hufford passed through the village this week driving a nice little drove of cattle from McDowell, W. Va. Also Mr. A. Z. Litz and Geo. W. Litz passed one day later with a nice drove, all en route for Clinch Valley.

Mr. Hugh Shrader is attending the healing springs 2 1/2 miles south of us. He reports his health improving. There are several young ladies and gentlemen in attendance. There may be other attractions for Hugh.

Shorty Smith has been absent for several days. It is supposed that Shorty has gone to Poochontas and West Virginia to pick blackberries. He is aware of the fact that its going to take jam, blackberry jam and plenty of it for the big meeting.

Dudley, McGuire & Co., general merchants—We buy as low as we can; that's business sense. We sell as low as we can; that's progressive sense. You buy as low as you can; that's common sense. You buy as low as you can; that's dollars and cents for both of us. Old Hen. Shradars, Va., July 31, 1897.

CEDAR BLUFF ITEMS.

President William Dyer, of M. W. College, is in our town looking up students.

The ladies' society gave an ice cream supper last Thursday night which was quite a success and very much enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. J. H. Kirby is indisposed for the last few days.

Bessie Peery is convalescent.

Mr. John Laird is out on Sandy this week. She misses him.

The Normal is over. He solemnly blows the horn and then takes a rest.

Misses Nannie Brown, Jennie Bailey, Kate Carper and Mr. J. L. Neal, of Richlands, were in our little town Sunday.

A large crowd from Cedar Bluff attended the quarterly meeting at Steelesburg.

Quite a crowd of Cedar Bluffians visited the Normal at Richlands Monday.

Miss Florida Ferrell, of Steelesburg, who has been attending the Normal at Richlands, spent the night with Miss Maud Repass last week. REPORTER.

August 3d, 1897.

STATE NEWS.

A syndicate has been formed at Richmond for the purpose of engaging largely in the beet sugar industry. A large factory is to be built below the city, and if experiments now being made prove satisfactory it is proposed to devote several thousand acres to the cultivation of sugar beets